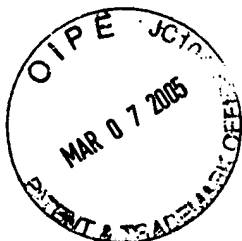


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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a status report on the above-identified application. The application was filed on September 16, 2003. However, to date, no Official Action has been received for this application. Furthermore, according to the U.S. Patent Office's PAIR database, this application has not even been assigned to an examiner.

Since the application was filed more than seventeen months ago, the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to promptly assign this application to an examiner and indicate to the undersigned when an Office Action is expected to be issued.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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